



City of Newport News

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION

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SECRETARY-COORDINATOR

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2015

NN Police Headquarters, 9710 Jefferson Avenue

Attendees

Stephen Klute – Chairman
Karl Dahlen – Vice Chairman
David Wilkinson – Secretary
Rocsanna Cavone – Student Representative
Winston Collins – Citizen
John Cullotta – Citizen
Jack Gergely – Citizen
John Meyer – Citizen
MPO D.J. Pointer – NNPD Traffic Unit Representative
MPO Marty Scott – NNPD Traffic Unit Representative
Dwight Jenkins – DMV Representative
Robert Weber – VDOT Representative

I. Call to order

A. Opening Comments from Chairman, Stephen Klute

II. Old Business

A. Review and adoption of November 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- **Motion** to adopt by Vice Chairman Dahlen, Seconded by Commissioner Meyer –
PASSED

B. “Newport News Employee Transportation Safety Award Program”

- 1) Secretary Wilkinson is chairing the “Newport News Employee Transportation Safety Award Program - 2015”.
- 2) Currently working on an award ceremony to coincide with the Commission’s May meeting so as not to conflict with staff efforts in planning the One City Marathon. Along with the Safety Awards, the Commission will present a certificate of appreciation to Mel Bailey for his 16 years of service to this commission.



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C. 2015 Governors Transportation Safety Award Nominations

- Secretary Wilkinson advised that the deadline for applications is March 6, 2015 but to date no information has been provided to him for the wright-ups.
 - **Asst. Chief of Police Trent Sturgis** – NNPD Motor Carrier Division
 - **Asst. Chief of Police Trent Sturgis** – NNPD Special Operations Division (Photo Safety Educational Program)
 - **Commissioner Phillips**, Impaired Driving – City of Newport News (Every 15 Minutes Presentation)

D. Status of Safety Commission FY2015 Goals and Initiatives

- 1) **Chairmen Klute**, Transportation Safety Legislative Package with final recommendation package to be forwarded to City Council.
 - Due to staff issues report was finalized and forwarded along with the Commissions' yearly report on Feb. 9, 2015
 - **Motion** to close this FY2015 Goal and Initiatives by Secretary Wilkinson, Seconded by Vice Chairman Dahlen – **PASSED**
- 2) Commissioner Conrad, with assistance from Commissioner Phillips Bicycle Friendly City Plan with final recommendations package with draft memo for City Council consideration to be prepared by the May 2015 Commission meeting.
 - Neither Commissioner Conrad nor Phillips in attendance to provide update.
 - Item tabled for the May meeting.

III. New Business

- A. Staff presentation on Traffic Adaptive Traffic Signals. Presented by Randy Cooper – Dept. of Engineering.
- B. Staff Presentation, “2014 – City Wide Bicycle Crash Report”. Presented by Mohamed Elrahhal – Dept. of Engineering.
 - Commission recommended adding a slide about the severity of bicycle injuries
 - Commission recommended adding a slide to discuss what type of errors the bicyclists were making that contributed to the crash
- C. Staff Presentation, “One City Marathon and Celebration – March 15, 2015”. Presented by Randy Cooper – Dept. of Engineering.



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D. Discussion on Safety Commission FY2016 Goals and Initiatives. Secretary Wilkinson is requested initial discussion on what the Commission wants to work on this coming year. The Commission should have the FY2016 Goals and Initiatives finalized at the May 2015 meeting so that commissioners have the full year to work on them.

- Pedestrian/Bike Trail Signage Program
- Safety review and recommendations to State Legislation relating to large rims
- Turn Signal Use – General
- Distracted driving campaign (could be a good one for student member)
- Median Markings – General
- Unlicensed/Revoked license drivers still operating a vehicle
- Mid-Block pedestrian crossing

E. Open Floor

- No new items brought forward.

IV. Other Business

A. Next Commission Meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2015 @ 2:00 pm in the Community Room – NN Police Headquarters, 9710 Jefferson Avenue (corner of Jefferson Ave & Woodfin Road).

B. What other staff reports does the Commission want to hear?

- Top 5 I and NAI by Severity – May 2015
- DUI Issues in Newport News – August 2015
- Red Light Confirmation Lights – August 2015
- Photo Enforcement: School Bus Usage – October 2015

V. Adjourned: 4:12 pm